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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM

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1. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED LAST NIGHT THAT UNFORTUNATELY VICE MINISTER ROMAN WILL BE UNABLE TO RETURN FROM LOS CONFERENCE IN CARACAS TO MEET WITH SECRETARY BUFFUM ON AUGUST 13. SINCE FONMIN FACIO IS STILL SCHEDULED TO BE AWAY FOR PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION IN DOMREP, THIS MEANS THAT GOCR DELEGATION FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY WILL BE HEADED BY LICENCIADO ALVAR ANTILLON, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN POLICY (POLITICA EXTERIOR) AND WILL INCLUDE 6 OTHER WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. ABSENCE OF BOTH FACIO AND ROMAN IS UNFORTUNATE, BUT DOES NOT IN EOYASSY'S JUDGMENT REFLECT ANY LACK OF INTEREST IN GOCR WITH RESPECT TO SECRETARY BUFFUM'S VISIT. ANTILLON IS FRANKLY NOT A POLICY MAKER ON MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS, BUT HE IS TYN SENIOR PERMANENT OFFICIAL IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL ADVISER TO THE FOREIGN OJNISTER ON POLICY MATTERS. EMBASSY BELIEEVES THAT SECRETARY BUFFUM WILL HAVE A FRUITFUL EXCHANGE
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WITH ANTILLON AND HIS ASSOCIATES, AND THAT U.S. VIEWS WILL

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BE FAITHFULLY REPORTED TO F
PIO.

3. ALVAR ANTILLON WAS BORN 1931, EDUCATED AT DICKINSON COLLEGE (B.A.) CARLISLE, PA., AND GEORGSZOWN UNIVERSITY. ENTERED FOREIGN MINISTER IN 1953 AMS HAS HELD VARIETY OF MINISTRY POSITIONS. HAS AMBASSADORIAL RANK AND EXCELLENT

ENGLISH.

4. FOREIGN MINISTRY AND EMBASSY HOPE THAT SECRETARY BUFFUM CAN PROCEED WITH SCHEDULED VISIT TO SAN JOSE. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THIS BE DONE. MINISTRY WILL UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, PL SECRETARY PREFERS TO CANCEL HIS VISIT HERE. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

5. IF DECISION IS TO PROCEED WITH SAN JOSE STOP, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT EMBASSY
CARACAS SEEK APPOINTMENT FOR
ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM WITH VICE MINISTER ROMAN. WE BELIEVE SUCH AN APPOINTMENT WOULD PROFITABLY COMPLEMENT THE MEETING WITH OFFICIALS HERE IF THE ASEM HTANT SECRETARY HAS TIME IN CARACAS.
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